

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows, and note that the following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and prior listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. – 10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic composition consisting of an effective amount up to about 5% by weight of the root extract of Kaempferia Galanga.

12. (Original) A composition according to claim 11 containing from about 0.1 up to about 5.0 weight percent of the root extract of Kaempferia Galanga.

13. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 1211 containing from about 0.2 up to about 1.0 weight percent of the root extract of Kaempferia Galanga.

14. (New) A composition according to claim 11 in which said root extract of Kaempferia Galanga comprises ethyl p-methoxycinnamate.

15. (New) A composition according to claim 11 for protecting mammalian skin.

16. (New) A composition according to claim 11 for protecting mammalian skin from the harmful effects of tyrosinase.

17. (New) A composition according to claim 11 for protecting mammalian skin from the harmful effects of chemically induced irritation other than UV radiation.

18. (New) A composition according to claim 11 for protecting mammalian skin from discoloration.
19. (New) A composition according to claim 11 in which said root extract is dispersed in a carrier which is selected from the group consisting of nontoxic, nonirritating, or cosmetically acceptable.
20. (New) A composition according to claim 11 in which said root extract is dispersed in a carrier which is selected from the group consisting of an emulsion, an anhydrous solvent, or a single phase system.
21. (New) A composition for protecting mammalian skin from discoloration or the harmful effects of tyrosinase or chemically induced irritation other than UV radiation comprising a preparation containing, in weight percent, an effective amount up to about 5 percent of a root extract of Kaempferia Galanga dispersed in a carrier.
22. (New) A composition for protecting mammalian skin according to claim 21 in which said root extract of Kaempferia Galanga comprises ethyl p-methoxycinnamate.
23. (New) A composition for protecting mammalian skin according to claim 21 containing from about 0.1% up to about 5.0% of root extract of Kaempferia Galanga (wt/wt).
24. (New) A composition for protecting mammalian skin according to claim 21 containing from about 0.2% up to about 1.0% of root extract of Kaempferia Galanga (wt/wt).
25. (New) A composition for protecting mammalian skin according to claim 21 in which said carrier is selected from the group consisting of nontoxic, nonirritating, or cosmetically acceptable or of an emulsion, an anhydrous solvent, or a single phase system.
26. (New) A composition for protecting mammalian skin from discoloration or the harmful effects of tyrosinase or chemically induced irritation other than UV radiation

comprising a preparation containing, in weight percent, an effective amount up to about 5 percent of ethyl p-methoxycinnamate dispersed in a carrier.

27. (New) A composition for protecting mammalian skin according to claim 26 in which said ethyl p-methoxycinnamate is extracted from Kaempferia Galanga root.

28. (New) A composition for protecting mammalian skin according to claim 26 containing from about 0.1% up to about 5.0% of ethyl p-methoxycinnamate (wt/wt).

29. (New) A composition for protecting mammalian skin according to claim 26 containing from about 0.2% up to about 1.0% of ethyl p-methoxycinnamate (wt/wt).

30. (New) A composition for protecting mammalian skin according to claim 26 in which said carrier is selected from the group consisting of nontoxic, nonirritating, or cosmetically acceptable or of an emulsion, an anhydrous solvent, or a single phase system.

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